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NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT (37 CFR 1.121)

The amendment document filed on Mar. 8, 2004, is considered non-compliant because it has failed to meet the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121, as amended on June 30, 2003 (see 68 Fed. Reg. 38611, Jun. 30, 2003). In order for the amendment document to be compliant, correction to the following item is required.

Only the corrected section of the non-compliant amendment document must be resubmitted (in its entirety), in this case, the entire "Amendment to the Specification" section of applicant's amendment document must be resubmitted. 37 CFR 1.121(h).

In the "Amendment to the Specification," applicants incorrectly identified the locations of the paragraphs to be amended in the specification. In particular:

- (1) The amended paragraph, incorrectly identified as replacing the paragraph beginning at page 22, line 3, of the specification, should have been identified as the paragraph replacing the paragraph beginning at "page 22, line 26."
- (2) The amended paragraph, incorrectly identified as replacing the paragraph beginning at page 22, line 20, of the specification, should have been identified as the paragraph

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replacing the paragraph beginning at "page 23, line 14." See the instant specification, pages 22-23.

37 CFR 1.121(b)(1) states that "[a]mendments to the specification . . . which are considered for amendment purposes to an amendment of a paragraph, <u>must</u> be made by submitting:

(i) An instruction, which <u>unambiguously</u> identifies the location, to . . replace a paragraph with one or more replacement paragraphs" (emphasis added).

Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a bona fide attempt to be a reply (37 CFR 1.135(c)), applicants are given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH from the mailing date of this notice within which to re-submit the correct "Amendment to the specification" which complies with 37 CFR 1.121 in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD ARE AVAILABLE UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Janis L. Dote whose telephone number is (571) 272-1382. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Friday.

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